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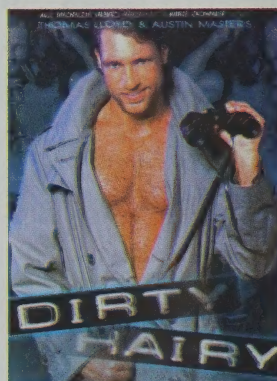
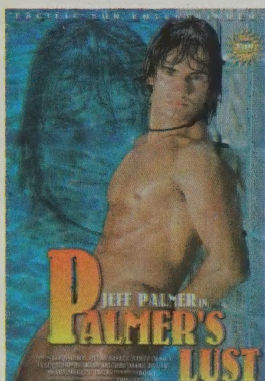
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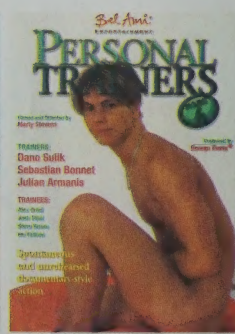
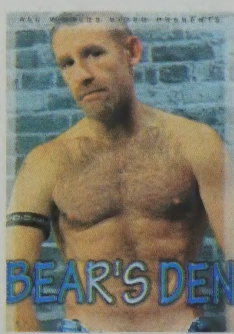
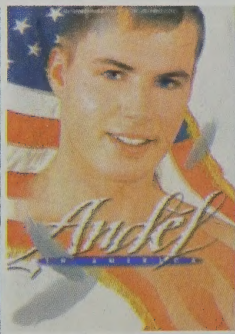
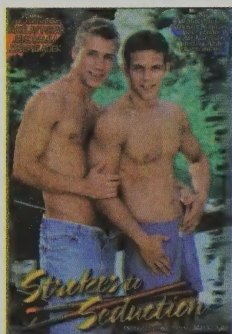
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The Court Reporter February 2003

It might be cold outside but things are hot, hot, hot with the 27th House of Blah Blah Blah and What-a—pity. With a couple Christmas shows to start the festive season off in December, the ISCWR went right into six shows of their production mega-show of "Grease". The show was received phenomenally well every night, drawing back many repeat audience members. And most important, it raised over \$1000.00 for this year's charities. Special thanks again to Garry for choreographing; Down Under for a stage extension at Boots, Boots, the Roost, and Secrets for all their support, and all the performers who made this show a success.

But there is no rest for the reigning, and Grease was barely over before preparations began for the Hey Drag Queen 2003 Pageant, just this last weekend at Boots. There, Binki finished her year as the first Hey Drag Queen, and another fabulous queen was catapulted into title-holding (said queen yet unknown at press time).



And February is just as busy. While Emperor 27 Bobby heads to Seattle for their Coronation Ball and the International Court Conference, those of us who stay in the city will be busy with Mr. Gay Edmonton Barion Deep's

Valentine's Day Show. And that's just to tide us over until we begin the campaign for Entertainer of the Year 2003, the pageant for which happens in March.

Also in February, the Court is holding their February Fling. Inspired by the popularity and success of last November's Icebreaker Dance, this dance is yet another classic example of how the ISCWR is incorporating more into their fund-raising than drag shows. Be sure to check out the ad for that dance elsewhere in this issue!

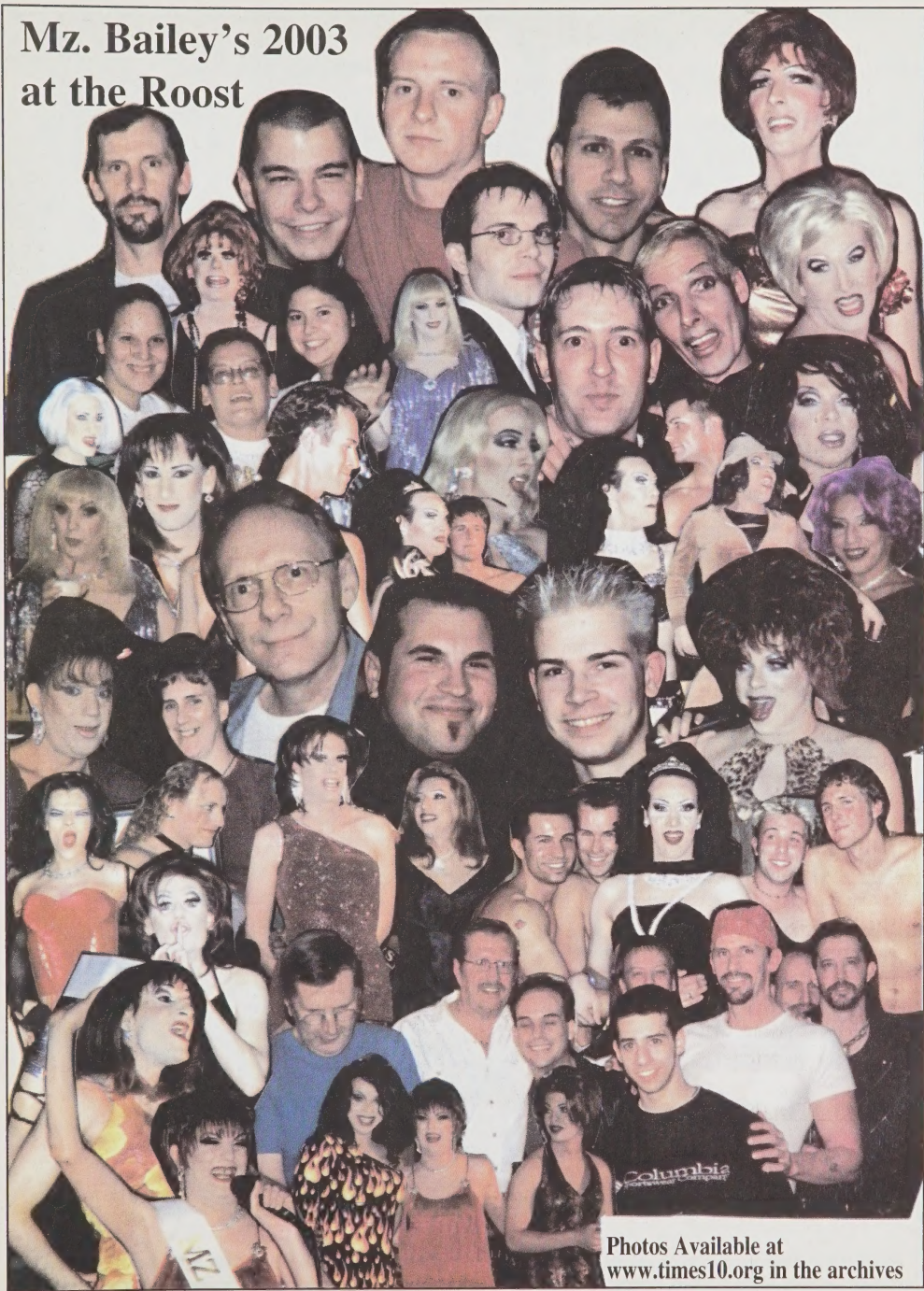
This column also serves as round one of invitations to every group, business, and organization in the area to consider submitting candidates for the positions of Mr. and Mz. Gay Edmonton. Following last year's success, this event will run again during Pride Week, and we hope to see a large number of contestants out for it. Candidates for a position may be of either gender, so long as the gender in which they perform matches the title they're running for. Candidates also don't have to do standard drag; any sort of performing is welcome. More information on that will be coming soon.



And just one last point, speaking of more information. Coronation 2003 has been booked for August 23. This is when Bobby and Endora will step down as the 27th Elected Monarchs of Northern Alberta, and a new pair will rise to follow. That reign, the 28th, will only be for nine months, as we have decided to change our Coronation Date to the last Saturday of May (making it May 29, 2004).

That's all for now. See you folks at the court shows this month, and talk to you in March...

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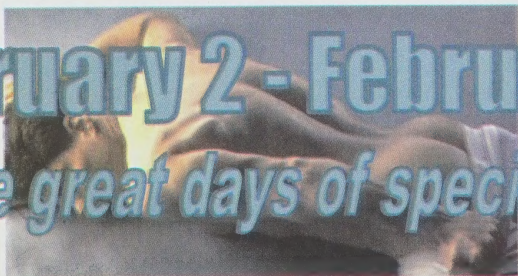
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Readers of Times.10
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Dear Readers of Time.10,

Members of the Jean Lawson Society are to be commended for their loyal and generous support of Kairos House. Over the past five years, through various fundraising events, they have donated more than \$32,000.00 to this program.

Since 1987, Kairos has provided care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS. While this program does receive some funding through the provincial and federal governments, it also relies heavily on community support for its continued operation. Thus, we value the outstanding financial support of the Jean Lawson Society.

To each of you who have helped to organize these events, and who have supported the fundraising endeavours of the Jean Lawson Society, I thank you. You are making a difference in the lives of the many people who turn to Kairos for support.

Sincerely,

Charlotte McKay

Charlotte McKay
Program Manager, Kairos House

The U.S Led Death Squad

By Dennis Camby

He is a lunatic and a liar and was never officially elected by the people of the United States. He was elected by his Daddy's friends at the Supreme Court in his country and has no right being in the position he is in. We should have had, as Michael Moore mentioned, the United Nations representatives at all the polling stations in the U.S. so that the election could be monitored. What used to be a country that could easily been admired is now a nation that has caused people world wide to shake their heads in wonder.

George Bush Jr., hereafter just called "junior", has stated that he would not rule out nuclear weapons as a first strike attack against Iraq. Since this would not be the first time that the United States used Nuclear Weapons against

a civilian population, you might think that countries around this planet would be protesting. Unknown to many is that there are anti-war protests going on, but you will not hear about them. Why is it that they do not make the top of the news? Simply put, most mainstream media are terrified that they might be jailed without a lawyer, without charge for an unlimited time under new laws in the U.S. We in Canada have also taken some steps in the same direction although not quite as backward as our southern neighbour.

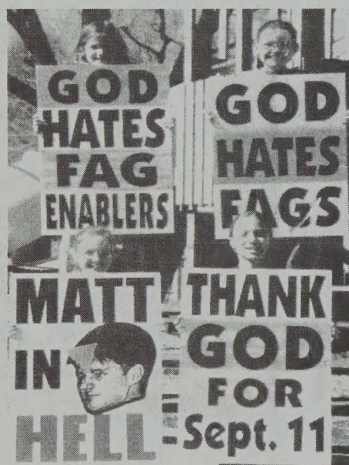
I have heard from many of my American friends who are terrified to write anything against the current powers in Washington for fear of their lives. It would be easy to see for most people that Bid Laden is winning the terrorist war. After all, he is the professional in the field and it is more and more obvious that the voice of reason is being silenced in the United

States. When the only answer is to use the most viscous weapon against another nation, a nuclear device, then there is, in reality, no war on terrorism at all. It is over and the terrorists have won. I wonder what the most loved President John F. Kennedy would have done if he were the current President? He actually showed us, and the Soviets admitted it, that they were setting up nuclear weapons in Cuba. There was good reason

exploration with hope for a brighter future.

Junior would have us believe that there would be no side effects of a few nuclear weapons launched against Iraq. Then I would be lead to believe that India and Pakistan would have no difficulties settling some differences right? Perhaps China might step in and take out a few countries they have disagreements with and that too would be all right according to "junior's" thinking or lack thereof, right?

Bill Maher's recent book "When you ride alone.." has a lot of wisdom in it and it is any easy read, so take some time to buy one and listen. Take the attack on New York and change the numbers around so that instead of 3000 people dying on that horrific day, there would have been only 3000 survivors! Would we be spending so much time and money going after Iraq or would we, as a planet, be spending all that effort to find and execute the people that caused the disaster? CNN expends huge amounts of resources every day with "War on Iraq" sending the signal that all other matters are settled and let us get on with launching a few nuclear devices on some country. So let us pick one in the middle of the Muslim world. When



**This is the hatred that
Bush Jr. loves**

for the blockade that followed and the slow step down of political rhetoric that followed. John F. Kennedy had taken us out of a very bad situation into one of peace and space

on the road to freedom
for all Canadians. Yes,
we do have some internal

matters that need to be cleaned up and, in due time, they too will pass. We do not have a country that leaves almost forty percent of the population without basic healthcare and education. The United States does!! It might be time for the people of the United States to demand that their government clean up their own internal mess rather than throw nuclear weapons at other nations.

As a country that has gained respect around the globe, we need to let people know that we are not ready to support the end of the planet. We must let our Members of Parliament know by letter or e-mail that we want Canada to take a leading role at the United Nations. The United Nations represents every

Do not be idle as junior and his father's old friends, with which he surrounds himself; rattle the drums of a Nuclear Holocaust. Please write your Members of Parliament in Ottawa who are there to represent you, no matter what your personal political calling. By the time this goes to print, the House will be sitting so let them know that you want them to help bring a peaceful solution via the United Nations and bind "juniors" hands, because he is the lunatic who has his finger on nuclear button.

(Dennis is the Managing Editor of Times .10 Magazine)

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A Little Secret

*Laurie Blakeman MLA
Edmonton-Centre*

Psst. I'm going to let you in on a little secret. If you're a provincial government and you have some bad news you have to release - do it just before Christmas, when your constituents are busy getting ready for the holiday season and the newsrooms are operating half-staffed. That way, the information is made public, but no one hears about it. That's what the Klein government did just before Christmas and it's paid off in spades.

For instance, a week before Christmas Eve, we finally get a peek at an 18-month old report that recommends funding increases for daycares. This report has been kept secret up until the 17th of December for no

real reason except perhaps because it supposedly calls for a \$20-million dollar increase in child-care funding. Of course, that's not going to happen.

On December 19th, rural Albertans are made the big losers in the Regional Health Authority boundary changes. Those changes are announced without fanfare and without debate. Just goes to show you that rural Albertans don't really count in the Klein government.

There is little time to debate these changes because the next day, we hear about a secret, out-of-court settlement between West Edmonton Mall and the government-owned ATB financial. Some have said we'll never really know what happened in this dispute, but we do know that it's the taxpayer who will be left holding the bag for this one. So far, we've lost over \$150 million on this deal - and the meter's still ticking.

On the same day the ATB settlement is announced, it is revealed that charges have been laid against the owners of the former Holy Cross Hospital for improper asbestos removal. Only three weeks before, in response to repeated questions from Liberal Kevin Taft, the provincial government had insisted no one's health was at risk.

Then on December 23rd, while you were out running around trying to buy those last minute gifts, the Premier of the province suggested that it maybe we should give the green light to private companies to build our roads, our schools, and our hospitals and then lease them back to the government (with a healthy profit - no doubt!). Again, no debate. That one is really going to cost you money. A private company will pay more in interest charges to borrow money than our AAA-rated government. So it will cost more and Albertans won't even own the highway/school/hospital at the end!

The clincher - while you were getting ready to kiss 2002 goodbye, the Klein government finally released the price tag for its anti-Kyoto campaign - \$2 million dollars. And that is not including a bunch of direct costs like paying for the TV ads to be produced, so the real bill is higher. That money could have gone to support Arts and Culture in Alberta. Instead, it's gone into the public relation toilet.

And now - now that the January doldrums have snuck in and while we're complacent and depressed, the government is once again releasing information in hopes that we'll ignore its impact. The government has suggested that it is going to postpone hundreds of millions of dollars in school

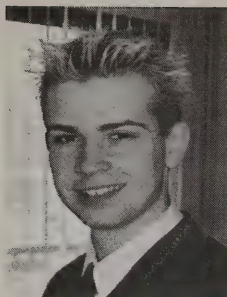
construction and renovation projects until after the February budget. At the same time, it is going to spend \$105 million on new VLTs. How does that work (and who exactly benefits)?

You know, we're expecting a \$1 to \$4 billion dollar surplus in our budget this year yet dollars to donuts, the Tories will say no to classroom funding, no to university tuition freezes, no to Arts and Culture, and yes to VLTs, yes to private Medicare, and yes private contractors. And all the information on how that impacts you, as an Albertan will be snuck out during the next holiday season.

The new session of the Alberta Legislature begins on February 18, 2003 and is expected to run until the May long weekend. If you would like to be on an email list for me to send you copies of questions asked in Question Period, please send me your email address and let me know what are the key issues you are interested in and whether you are a constituent or where in Alberta you live.

Laurie Blakeman MLA
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Is it Right?

By: *Joey Gierulski*
Assistant Editor

In the past few weeks I have noticed some changes in our community. Now, I'm not too sure if they are changes for the better, or for the worse. One thing I do know is that I don't particularly like them.

That doesn't mean that they are wrong; it just means I am not the biggest fan.

I recently had the pleasure of attending a meeting with some people that have decided to co-ordinate their thoughts and ideas on Edmonton's Pride Week. (I use the word Co-ordinate very loosely.) It seems that rather than gathering the community's thoughts on Pride Week, they would rather "take control" and go with their own decisions. Is it because these people want things to be *their* way? Or is it the fact that the community just doesn't seem to care right now? After all, isn't this why we have committees? To take control of these events?

In my opinion, No. It is up to the whole community and its members to take part and voice their opinions. If you attend this festival and dance, and all the other venues included in this event, then get out there and let these people know that it isn't up to them to make all the decisions, it's up to all of us.

I asked these "Decision makers" what gives them the right to decide upon these matters? Their response was, "The people who care show up at our meetings, and judging from our last turnout at the general meeting, few seem to care." Yes, maybe they are right, maybe no one cares... At the moment that is. But, when it comes down to the end of June, and we are all getting prettied up to go to the parade and the Dance to show our pride, we all tend to see what has been done wrong, and ask ourselves, "Why did they do that?" Well, could it be that the community didn't have a voice? Or could it be that we didn't have the chance to make our voice heard? Or, did the community really care what happens? Well, yes, we all have a chance to be heard. Will they acknowledge us if we do come to talk? I don't quite know that for sure, but, then again, that theory hasn't been tested. No one really has said anything...yet.

Coming up on February 27th, there is a General meeting for the Edmonton Pride committee. May I suggest that if the community and its members want to be heard, and have their thoughts brought forward, maybe we should all show up at this committee meeting and let them know. After all, this is our community, our event, and our choice.

I don't mean this to be an attack on anyone. I believe that the people that have volunteered to work on this committee should be commended for their choice to donate their time and effort to this event and us; it is a big job. But they need to know that we really do care what choices are made. They need to see 50 to 100 people representing community groups, businesses, organizations, and individuals from the city of Edmonton to make sure that the whole community's voice is heard.

This is a little bit of a change from my last article, but my eyes are really starting to open now, and see what really goes on. Don't get me wrong; I love the community and the people in it. It's just that sometimes we all need a little bit of a wakeup call. Oh yeah, and I've already had two cups of coffee today and I'm already buzzed.



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A Woman's View

By Marla Taylor

(Ms. Edmonton Leather 2002)

A Year in Review

As the second Ms. Edmonton Leather Event draws closer, I have found myself looking back over the year. For me, it has been one of the most extraordinary years of my life. Never did I dream that it would go by so quickly either. As Ms. Edmonton Leather 2002 I felt it was important to promote the title and event as much as possible. I feel I have done this and allowed myself to express my Leather/bdsm kink openly and with confidence, and to be a conduit for other kinky women to do the same. I have tried to do this with the aid of many very diverse people. The members of The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose, The Edmonton O Society, Northern Chaps, just to name three. All the clubs in Edmonton have shown their

support, especially my home venue Secrets Bar and Grill. Liz and her staff have gone out of their way so many times for me I've lost count. The fundraisers I have hosted this year were a blast and extremely rewarding and I still can't get enough of Liz's wings during Wingo. I only wish I could have done more workshops during my reign as Ms. Edmonton Leather. One of my goals for the upcoming year is to host more workshops, perhaps with the new Ms Edmonton Leather.

The planning for The Ms. Edmonton Leather 2003 Event is well under way. It is being held at The Queen Mary Community Hall on Saturday, April 5th. The search is on and the call is out for contestants to this event, so I thought I would talk a little about what is expected of the contestants. The most common misconception is you must have a gazillion dollars invested in a leather wardrobe and have at least 20 years experience in the fine art of wielding a single tail. Nothing can be further from the truth. Yes, an interest in Leather/bdsm is important but not as much as what being Leather means. I have talked many times about respect and honour, about communication and self-confidence. If you understand, and these topics have meaning to you, then you may be the right candidate. If you have a sense of passion and community spirit, these too are qualities you should possess. If you wish to meet others within our community, to learn more and enlighten others, then submit your application, which can be picked up at

Secrets, B&D Emporium or check on line at www.msedmontonleather.com

You will be judged on six different components during the event.

The Review. Each entrant will submit a plan one week prior to the event on what she would like to implement or see happen within our community. Knowledge, Understanding, Ability, Quality, Willingness and Openness are the key points to remember.

The Interview. An opportunity to tell us who you are. Participation within the kink lifestyle, Attitude, Demeanour and Poise are what we will be looking for.

The Speech. A two to three minute speech is to be presented on the Saturday evening. You will be judged on your Topic, Quality,

Delivery, Articulation, and Grammar

The Fantasy. This is the opportunity to present some aspect of the Leather/bdsm lifestyle and how it relates to you. Judging is based on its Entertainment value; its message, intensity, staging, and preparation. This portion can be a lot of fun. An optional how-to seminar will be available to all contestants ahead of time to give a helping hand on creating your fantasy. Your Image, Poise, Persona, Image and Appearance are what's important here.

Ranking. The overall impression you have given the judges during the entire event.

The Ms. Edmonton Leather title is something you can be proud of, and I urge all of you ladies that are interested in the Leather/bdsm lifestyle to enter. It has been one of the most rewarding and enlightening years of my life.



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Pride Week Is Coming!

THE FLAME WITHIN

As I'm sure you know, Pride Festival 2003 is rapidly approaching. Again, the dates have been booked for the week to run from June 13 - 22. Already, many community groups have contacted us here at the Pride Committee to let us know what events they have planned. From the ISCWR Gay Edmonton Pageant, to the EVM concert, to a Womospace dance, those events should keep you partying and proud the whole week.

Those events are also in addition to the events put on by the Pride Committee itself. One of those events is the Pride Dance, with which we hope to end the week. While many of the details for that dance have yet to be worked out, rest assured that with existing plans for this year and feedback from previous years, you'll enjoy every minute of it.

The other main event that the Pride Committee is in charge of is, of course, the parade. The parade this year has been booked for Sunday June 15. A

lot of people have asked questions about the reasoning behind this date. Simply put, at the November general meeting, the people there discussed the Saturday/Sunday issue in great depth. Several small businesses had expressed an interest in a date change due to the fact that they can more easily participate in the parade on a day when their business isn't open. What's more, the beer gardens, business fair, and post-parade party can last longer when people aren't racing off to rest up for the bar. Based on the increasing success of the parade over the past years, the committee felt it worthwhile to try to accommodate this segment, feeling assured the community at large would follow.

Other than that, the most important update is our selection of theme: THE FLAME WITHIN. We are running a logo contest with a \$100 cash prize for the best logo submission in theme. Logos must be in color and gray-scale, as well as digitally ready. Logos can be submitted to prideseecretary@gayedmonton.com no later than Feb. 25. Volunteers are still needed, especially on our parade, dance, and post-parade subcommittees. Further, anyone wishing to help on any aspect of Pride is invited to attend our general meetings held the last Thursday of each month, or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at pridevolunteers@gayedmonton.com. That makes the next general meeting Feb. 27, to be held at the Garage at 8 PM. See you there and stay Proud.

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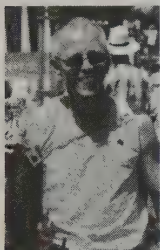
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What Would Jesus Say to Our people

By Rev. Mickey Wilson

Lambda Christian
Community Church



When we ask that question what is it we really want to know? Do we want to know what Jesus would say to marchers in the Pride Parade? Are we wondering how to vote? Are we looking for guidance as we vote on a church or school position statement? Or wisdom as we study the Bible with people who are antigay? Are we trying to interpret Jesus for our own son or daughter? Perhaps we are listening intently for Jesus' word in our own struggle with sexual matters? What does Jesus think of us? How does he want us to live?

It's important to know just what question we're asking because the question we ask often determines what we hear in reply. There are several passages of Scripture that come to my mind in response to the question: What would Jesus say to us? **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs**

is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3"

What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? Poor in spirit does not refer to nice, church-going people who realize they need "more of Jesus." It describes people who are morally, spiritually and emotionally empty. People with zero spiritual assets, people who are spiritually bankrupt. Jesus announces the amazing news that these people are blessed.

What does "blessed" mean? In some contexts it means "happy," but not here. Jesus is not making light of the pain of people struggling in spiritual poverty. He is not saying to people tormented by brokenness and evil, "Cheer up! Things aren't really all that bad." Instead, after giving careful attention to the painful reality of their lives, he reveals the astonishing fact that God regards them with tender affection. The word blessed means "favoured by God." It means God likes you. It is the opposite of cursed, which means targeted by God for punishment and retribution. To be blessed means to be the target of God's kindness and salvation or liberation.

Finally, in this first declaration of his most famous sermon, Jesus announces that those who are spiritually bankrupt are not just the targets of God's warm feelings, God has made specific provisions for them to participate in God's own plans for the future of the universe: "The kingdom of heaven is theirs."

Many people in our community who have shared their stories with me have

shouldered a profound sense of unworthiness. They are profoundly dissatisfied with themselves. They feel condemned and unwanted by God. Sometimes they are isolated from their parents and siblings. Frequently they are unwanted at church. They feel desperately poor in spirit. And Jesus' first word to them is: You are blessed; the kingdom of heaven belongs to you.

If you believe we are spiritually bankrupt, know that the first word they hear from you is the amazing news that they have a place in the kingdom of heaven and that God regards them with warm affection. If you yourself feel condemned and broken because of your sexual/gender identity or sexual behaviour, please hear Jesus: God delights in you and has a place for you in God's kingdom and heart. God is counting on spending eternity with you. Jesus' first word to us (and to all humans) is "Blessed are the poor in spirit for the kingdom of heaven is theirs."

If you want to reach the pinnacle of spiritual development, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me. Matthew 19:21

I believe this passage is significant for two reasons. First of all, Jesus sometimes makes preposterous demands on people. That is they would be preposterous if anyone other than Jesus made them. Second, not every command of Jesus is for every believer.

Jesus told this young man to sell everything and give his

money to the poor. Then he was to come and join Jesus in his itinerant ministry. Can you imagine giving away everything you own and taking up an itinerant ministry? Jesus was very clear that for this young man, this complete self-emptying was crucial for his reception of eternal life. But when he talked to a wealthy older man, he didn't say a word about his money (John 3). And when he ate lunch with a wealthy tax collector, Jesus said nothing about changing his career (Luke 19).

Christian history is marked with fantastic stories of individuals who have been called by God to make heroic sacrifices: Francis of Assisi who gave up money, home and hope of marriage; Gladys Aylward who gave up British citizenship and became a naturalized Chinese citizen; Polycarp, who at age 84 gladly embraced martyrdom for his faith. The list is endless: Fernando and Anna Stahl, Harry Miller, Mother Teresa, Father Damien of Molokai, John Woolman, David Brainerd. The example of these heroes inspire us, but God does not call most of us to leave home and job and family, instead God calls us to faithfulness in an ordinary life of work and family.

So what do we make of the story of the rich, young man? First, Jesus does sometimes make daunting demands. Not every call of Jesus is an invitation to greater self-fulfillment and increased comfort. He calls some to celibacy. Second, God does not call all alike. Be very hesitant to tell someone else what call God is giving them. Don't measure others by your understanding of God's call

in your life. And be especially reluctant to urge on others heroic obedience that you yourself are not practicing. Be very attentive to the voice of God in your own life, and if you are called to heroic sacrifice and service, understand that such a call is a great honour.

Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.
Luke 19:9,10

What a story! Zacchaeus was the leading tax collector in the town of Jericho. The one thing he had going for him was money. Given the way the tax system worked in that society tax collectors were not only hated as corrupt money grubbers, they were despised as traitors. They had a social standing equivalent to what drug dealers would have in a middle class neighbourhood today: envied for their money, loathed for their business. Jesus came to town, and Zacchaeus wanted to see him. He couldn't see over the crowd because he was short. He couldn't squeeze through the crowd because someone might knife him. So he ran ahead and climbed a tree that hung out over the street. Jesus stopped under the tree, looked up and invited himself to Zacchaeus' house for dinner. A wave of angry whispering swept through the crowd. How could Jesus possibly share table fellowship with a tax collector (drug dealer)? But Jesus did it any way. When dinner was over Zacchaeus announced he would give half (not all) of his possessions to the poor, and he would

repay four times over any inappropriate charges he had assessed. Then Jesus announced: Surely this man too is a child of Abraham. (That is, he was a fully qualified member of the people of God.).

If you are wishing to say something to our people on behalf of Jesus, make sure that you know the story of Zacchaeus. What he did for a living was universally regarded by the Jewish people as an egregious contradiction of the teachings of Moses and the prophets. But Jesus did not say a word about his quitting the tax business. If you want to challenge us to greater faithfulness in their discipleship, the first step is to develop a friendship of sufficient warmth and depth that you feel comfortable inviting yourself to our home for dinner.

If you are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered and are wondering what response Jesus would have to your desire to know him more intimately, then read again the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus wants to come to your home for dinner. He wants a close connection with you. He is not embarrassed to be your friend. While you are hesitating over whether or not you should even speak to him, he is inviting himself home for dinner. Receive him warmly. If you are lost, if you have been estranged from God, if you have felt the disapproval of "God's people," then please hear the words of Jesus: "The Son of God came to seek and save what was lost." The more lost you sense yourself to be, the more certain your claim on the affection and attention of Jesus.

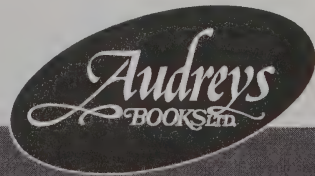
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The True Meaning Of Defending Freedom



By Mike Schiller

What does it mean to defend freedom at all costs? To answer that question, we must ask ourselves what freedom consists of. For that answer, we look to the Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness is the most basic and fundamental of all rights

America stands for. That is what freedom consists of. If a person were forced, against their will, to join a military, and fight in a war, where they are likely to die one of the most gruesome deaths imaginable - that is a denial of the most fundamental human right ever conceived. Any person who supports such a denial of rights is doing so in contrast to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and thus cannot lay claim to the title of patriot, for their attitudes run counter to the official attitudes of the founding fathers of the United States of America.

There would have been no purpose to the formation of a nation such as America, if those rights were denied to the people by the very nation in which they live. The Draft is thus un-American. Supporters of the Draft are thus also un-American. If a body of elected officials were to pass a Draft bill, counter to the principles for which this nation stands, what then would be the patriotic thing to do?

Refusing to comply with the draft order, no matter what the consequence, is what a true patriot would do, for he or she would know that in doing so, future generations would be shielded from a gross

infringement of their human rights. That is what protecting America consists of. Allowing oneself to be sacrificed like a lamb by reckless politicians who act out of political or economic ambition would endanger future generations to be subjected to the same horrendous fate. The chain must be broken at some point in time. Political leaders need to know there are boundaries to what they can and cannot do. That is what the constitution was meant to achieve, but many lawmakers have ceased to view the constitution as a set of limits, and now instead treat the lawmaker-appointed (and thus lawmaker compliant) judiciary as the only limit to their power.

Human beings are souls, not resources. Nobody should let another person treat them like an object, for any reason. People deserve to be treated with dignity and respect for their physical space. To allow oneself to be forced to fight in another country on potentially fraudulent speculation of what the other nation might someday do, is not patriotism, even if you are following "orders". To follow "orders" in such circumstances is merely complicity in the degradation of one's own government, and thus an

act of contempt against the people of one's own nation. That is the opposite of Patriotism.

A citizen of America, whether they are a lawmaker or an average citizen, has but one obligation and that is to the people of their country. To defend the people of one's own country sometimes requires us to resist or refuse unacceptable demands from the leaders of one's own nation. When we refuse to allow ourselves to be disposed of like toilet paper, we are also protecting our fellow citizens from being treated like garbage by lawmakers who have grown contemptuous of the very population they claim to represent.

It should not matter what reason a lawmaker puts forth for placing the citizens of America on a perpetual death row by implementing a draft policy. We cannot allow ourselves to succumb to the temptation to risk the lives of our children, our neighbor's children, or any of our fellow citizens. Whether a lawmaker seeks to revive the draft as a tactic to promote war, or as a tactic to avoid war, is irrelevant. What matters is what can happen once the legislation is passed, and the consequences our children would pay for mistakes of this nation's leaders. Our

children did not cause this rush to war, and whether those children's parents are democrats or republicans, there is no excuse to sentence these children to death for political purposes.

Those lawmakers seeking to reintroduce the draft are using a kamikaze tactic which threatens to destroy the entire nation, and end millions of innocent children's lives in an inhumane and grotesque manner. That is the way of America's enemies, not the way of America. Our children's lives are not bounty to be bargained with or used as tools for negotiating. Every person is an individual soul who has the God-given right to

decide their own destiny, regardless of whether their decisions run counter to the wishes of their parents or the lawmakers elected by one's parents.

If a person chooses to join the military, even then should they be given the right to decide if they should fight in a war or not. If they are denied that right, such a denial would be a crime. Likewise, it is also a crime to expand such a denial of rights to all American people, even if such an expansion of civil rights denial is motivated by a desire to avoid war, or "spread the pain". Two wrongs have never equaled a right, and that is an important truth which everyone must consider.

America is only America if the people of America stand up for the principles of this country, and remain true to those principles no matter which party is in power, or what that party is trying to achieve through the legislation they pass or the wars they ask us to fight on their behalf. Patriotism means defending America's freedom, even if one must do so against the wishes of America's leaders, no matter who they are or what they are trying to achieve.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are

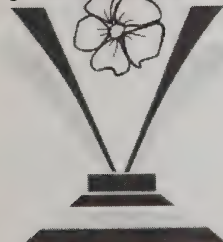
endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Nobody has the right to deny any individual soul the right to live their life or pursue happiness, no matter what the circumstance, or what the motive. Anyone who tries to tell us otherwise is no less a danger to our society than the Taliban and their philosophical counterparts.

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Dignity Edmonton

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21. Our activities include: theatre nights, video nights, pub nights, Sunday brunches, and dining out. We meet the second Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 3:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 110 Ave.) for a social period, a guest speaker, and an optional supper at a restaurant. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019, or better yet...join us at our monthly meeting.

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HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)

HIV Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. HIV Edmonton utilizes a best practices Harm Reduction approach in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Support, as well as, maintaining an extensive Resource Centre for use by health practitioners, health promoters, community organizations and those infected and affected by HIV. For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at mail@hivedmonton.com. Visit our Website at HIV Edmonton <http://www.hivedmonton.com/>

Illusions Social Club

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month,

one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club, Box 356, Main Post Office, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6. Phone: 424-2685 to talk to someone person to person.

Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations, which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is: wildrosecourt@yahoo.com. Visit our Website is at: Wild Rose Court <http://www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt/>

ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of ICARE is to enhance the well-being of people affected by HIV by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. You can

contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at icare@oanet.com

Lambda Christian Community Church

We are a non-denominational Christian church. Providing a safe and healing space for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Christians and their friends 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Place) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p. m. e-mail at lamdachurch@shaw.ca

Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail: livepos@telusplanet.net.

Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship,

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Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)

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Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and women was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community

through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's Nite Club the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. E-mail us at:

Northernchaps@telusplanet.net

OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the second cup on campus. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail:

outreach@ualberta.ca.

They also have a WebPages at OUTreach U of A <http://www.ualberta.ca/~outreach>

Youth Understanding Youth

We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gay and lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail:

yuyedm@hotmail.com.

Our WebPages are at Youth Understanding Youth <http://www.virtue.nu/yuy/>

Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton

We are an open, liberal religious community that value diversity and celebrate our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered members. With us, you are encouraged with open mind and heart to form your own set of personal beliefs. Sunday services at 9:30am and 11:15am. 12530 - 110 Avenue Ph. 454-8073. For more information, call Mike at 482-6582.

Womonspace

We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town, or phone 482-1794. Visit our WebPages at Womonspace <http://www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/>

Regional Organizations

Grande Prairie

Gay and Lesbian Community, Box 1492, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3. E-mail: gpgayorg@hotmail.com

Out North

Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT., X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279. WebPages: <http://www.yellowknife.com/ptartan/outnorth.htm> E-mail: out_north99@hotmail.com

HIV Prevention Strategies, Stats and TESTING

*Robert Smith
HIV Edmonton*

Part of my job is logging on to chat rooms and offering answers to questions on HIV/STDs, sexual health, healthy sexuality, sexual behaviours and pretty well anything guys want to talk about in the way of being a man in search of sexual experiences or relationships with other men. In November 2002, I expanded to Down Under's Cruise Board as a great vehicle to begin threads of conversation or to get men to contact me through email with their concerns. The popularity of the forum seems to be increasing. The Webmaster estimates the daily views of their page to be 11,700 per month. Makes for a substantial target for this kind of work.

I've determined there is still a lot of "ignorance" out there. No, I don't mean ignorance as in "rude" but ignorance as in "not having the information". And, that concerns me, and HIV Edmonton. Twenty-one years into an epidemic and

the one population group who should have had information coming out their ears, still doesn't know, doesn't want to know or doesn't get it. More and more, I am seeing the job get bigger, the funding get smaller and the time get way too short.

As of November 2002, the Alberta Health and Wellness report on HIV infections states that of the 125 new HIV infections in 2002 in Alberta, 14 are between the ages of 40 and 59 years in the men who have sex with men (MSM) category (a euphemistic way of explaining the broad category of gay/bisexual/MSM). What does this mean? It could mean that many of these men may have contracted HIV as much as ten years ago and never knew they were carrying it. It may also mean the many of these men became tired of the prevention messages or didn't understand that the messages were meant for them.

The other stats under MSM are 6 new infections between the ages of 25 and 29 years and 7 between the ages of 30 and 39 years for a total of 27 new infections among MSM in Edmonton from January 1 to September 30, 2002.

Approximately, seventy thousand (70,000) tests were conducted at the STD Centres in Calgary and Edmonton in 2001. Given

a population of approximately 3,000,000 in Alberta, that works out to roughly 2% getting tested for STDs.

When you do the math and eliminate children and those who do not fit the profile of risk behaviours no matter their sexuality, that 2% translates into approximately 10 percent of the population, a mere 300,000 to cover MSM, intravenous drug users, a combination of both, and heterosexual either using or involved with users, we still get a bare 23 to 24 percent of the higher risk populations getting tested for HIV. So when you ask the question about how many cases of HIV there are in Edmonton, how do we

measure? With only 23 to 24 percent of the more vulnerable populations getting tested, what figures do we use to estimate how many out there have HIV and don't even know it.

Have you ever been tested for HIV? What do you think the numbers would be if we all decided to find out what our HIV status was? Your number two question for me is where to get tested? Apparently, Capital Health and those of us who rely heavily on testing information are not marketing the STD Centre very effectively. I know from working closely with the Educators that they do a fantastic job trying to help people understand the need

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for testing, but obviously we are not doing enough. In Edmonton, free, anonymous and confidential testing is available at the STD Centre in the old General Hospital on Jasper Avenue at 111 Street. In other centers in Western Canada, look to your telephone directory or call your local health authority.

A frequent comment that I get is that the nurses are all women and the idea of disclosing sexual activity to them is uncomfortable. Understandably it might be easier to go through this if the nurse was a gay male, but not all male nurses are gay, and certainly not all nurses are interested in this type of patient care. And if they are not gay, I would think that telling a straight guy that you get fucked or love sucking dick could be a hell of a lot more uncomfortable. Not much can be said to help get you beyond this comfort level, excepting to emphasize that the nurses at the STD Centre are fantastic. Hell, they hear it all, and will make you feel at ease about what you have to tell them. They are non-judgmental and often assure you that you are not among the high percentile of weirdos.

Unfortunately, this article is not long enough to give you a sample of the questions and answers from the Cruise Board or Chat Rooms. Some of them may be your own concerns. The

volume increasing and that the men are predominantly those who have grown up with HIV firmly entrenched in our sexual culture. Many are also from married men who are either on the threshold of coming out or playing around with men on the side.

I try to answer these questions without prejudice and without pathologizing gay sexuality. I also answer in a language that is easily understood attempting to break down the self-imposed barriers we set up when talking about our sexual activity.

We are all too aware of how negative the dialogue around gay sexuality has become in twenty years. In an era when we should be moving away from the focus on sexualizing our identity, we are identified more now in this manner than we ever have been. It is at the forefront of any statement that tries to define us as men, as a culture and as a community.

I always welcome questions. You can contact me at men@hivedmonton.com, by phone at (780) 488-5742 or go to www.gayedmonton.com and click on the Cruise Board. I usually have a posting and can respond to you there. You could also try to meet up with me in Live Chat. If I don't know the answer to your questions, I will find it out or refer you to where you can find it out.

Gay American

Listen up America; I've got something to say
First and foremost I'm gay second I'm American

No longer will I allow myself to be a puppet of
your society
Today, is the day, I demand to be free

United we stand is what you proclaim
Promising propaganda for all whom is vain

9/11 was deemed a terrorist attack
America, how do you define homophobic maniacs?

The war on terrorism does not exist abroad
It is home bred.
Red, White and Blue, justified by ignorance,
Perceived to be sacred

So, those of you, and you know who you are,
Are the reasons why America's been scared.

You are no more American than Osama Bin
Laden and deserve to die
Representative of the loop holes our adversaries
prey on
You are the weakest links, farewell, goodbye

In the words of an American, "Victims of their
own circumstances, justice finally served"

Your penance is not for me to justify
Karma will suffice the day you die

Indeed, first and foremost, I'm gay
Go fuck yourself, if you got something to say

Religion I do possess, I thank god every day
I do not comprise the prejudice purposed and
ordained
as the "American Way"

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Glicky Who?

Say that again...Glicky? What the hell is Glicky?

When I first heard it, I thought it was some sort of new social disease. It's really not a word at all. It's an acronym for a local organization - and it's spelled a little different than it sounds. GLCCE is the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton. It's not a sexy name, but once you've heard it, dare I say, it sticks with you. It more or less tells you what GLCCE is. Or does it? Just what is a community centre anyway?

Edmonton's community centre has been around since 1971. It was first called the Gay Alliance Towards Equality (GATE). Since then, it has been in many locations and has changed its name and purpose.

The centre relocated from 124 Street to its current location in January 2002. The new

downtown location at #45, 9912-106 Street is conveniently located in a wheel-chair accessible building. In its early years, there were not as many social and recreational opportunities as there are today. GLCCE helped fill this void. Since then, our community has grown and matured. Now there are many social and recreational groups.



There are not as many options for support and information.

GLCCE provides a safe meeting place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. It welcomes parents, families and friends. It provides programs and services designed for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. They also welcome parents, families and friends. On

weekday evenings between 7 and 10 pm, visitors can drop in, read a book from the library, and use the library or free Internet access. If a volunteer is available, they can also receive free peer counselling sessions. This service is especially important for people who to discuss sexuality-related topics in a confidential and welcoming environment. I recommend you call ahead (488-3234) to make sure a volunteer is available. Due to a shortage of volunteers, there are many evenings the centre is closed or a counsellor is not available.

The centre also provides over-the-phone referrals to doctors, lawyers, dentists, professional counselors, teachers, bars...you name it. They also put callers in touch with people who share common interests by referring people to clubs and other organizations. The centre also provides information on their website at www.edmc.net/glcce.

The centre is often used by other groups who need a space to host a meeting or a workshop. GLCCE also offers workshops and runs special events at the centre or around the city. GLCCE has had

a long partnership with HIV Edmonton and is proud to support the Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOG).

The centre is run entirely by volunteers. This keeps costs low. The downside is that offering services based solely on volunteers is hard to do. It seems everyone is busy these days and keeping the doors open is getting harder and harder. It seems that everyone is full of great ideas, but few are willing to help follow through. This is not uncommon, but it seems that recently, it has been even more of a challenge. Since the GLCCE's administrator departed in early 2002 due to a funding shortfall. We miss you Kristy!

GLCCE is a membership-based, non-profit organization. Memberships help deliver the programs and services. It also adds credibility when they apply for grants and set up partnerships with other groups. A group with members that number in the 100's is more credible than one with only 10 or 20 members.

GLCCE's is hosting an annual general meeting on February 20. (See their ad for more information). The meeting is open to everyone. Of course, only members can vote, but it's a great chance to hear about last year's accomplishments. It's also a chance to share your views on what GLCCE should do in the coming years. It is also a good place to meet some new friends.

Most important, it's your chance to show support by buying membership, volunteering for a committee or to help with a specific project. If you want to get right into it, GLCCE is also looking for new board members. The board members are elected for two-year terms and a number of positions are open. We really need people with ideas and energy. We also need people with connections to help us build partnerships with the community. Come on Edmonton....help us build the kind of community centre we need!

Steve Rowan
Co-Chair, GLCCE

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The Orlando Corner

By Jacqueline Dumas

Most of you know that Orlando Books closed its doors for good on October 26, 2002. Since then I've been wanting to thank the community for your support during the almost seven years the store was open. We had a great run - seven years of the most interesting people in Edmonton coming through our doors. Many of you have become friends. And more than one dyke has enviously referred to the bookstore as my personal babe magnet.

Along with the friendships, the bookstore brought a constant flow of interactions, new ideas, book

suggestions, information and gossip. We always felt in touch with the goings-on in the community, from gay pride events and sports weekends [all manner of sport], to club life and where the next dance was, to anti-capitalist, peace and feminist activities. I like to think that the bookstore served as a bridge between communities - between queer and straight, academic and non-academic, between diverse political communities, and of course between writers and readers. Our weekly readings featured writers from across the country and, most rewardingly, talented writers from our own home town - think of Gregory Scofield, Darrin Hagen, Jocelyn Brown, Norm Sacuta, Yvonne Trainer, Timothy Anderson, Candas Jane Dorsey, Shani Mootoo, Kristy Harcourt.... And who can forget our annual pride literary events, often hosted by a certain city councillor in drag?

Many of you have asked: What happened? What went wrong? Yes, the proliferation of bigbox stores was a factor, as were the globalizing changes in the book industry as a whole. But so were the Internet, and the general slowdown on Whyte Avenue in 2002.

As for the present and future, I'm in the process of setting up an Orlando Corner in Audreys Books [corner of Jasper Avenue and 107th Street]. As of this writing we should have stock of your favourite authors. Next time you're in, you may wish to join Audreys book club - mention that you are a former Orlando customer and receive a free membership. The customer base is confidential and not shared

with anyone outside the bookstore. And please join us for the official launch of the Orlando Corner on Friday, February 21 at 7:30 PM. Confirmed participants are Michael Phair, Candas Jane Dorsey, Norm Sacuta, Kristy Harcourt and Yvonne Trainer.

Future columns will deal with writers and books. Next month -

Ann Bannon and the lesbian pulp classics of the fifties and sixties.

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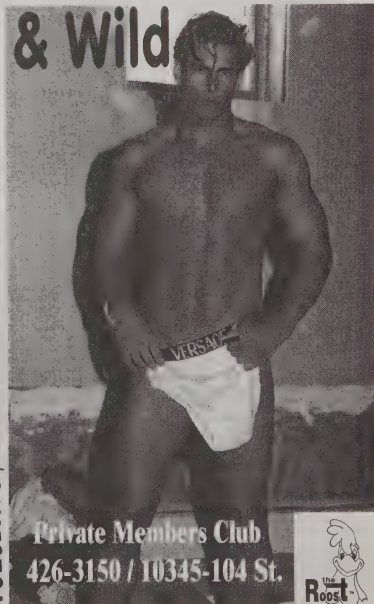
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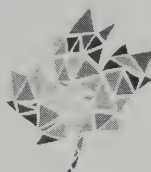
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Speaking of "Normal"

**By Liz Massiah,
MSW, RSW
Clinical Social
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What keeps us going? Why when we are in a tough spot, do we keep at it, convincing ourselves that "this too shall pass", or "it will be over soon, and besides it will be worth it in the end".

What contributes to our ability to persevere? We have lots of cultural sayings about keeping on, lots of songs that speak to the notion of not stopping when it might be the sensible thing to do, or the easy thing to do. I am not talking here about great moral imperatives necessarily, but more about the more personal tasks and goals we dream up for ourselves.

What keeps Dennis from folding his cards and letting Times.10 end? Too cussed, too ornery to say quit, some might say. Too dedicated to our worthiness perhaps?

How do I keep going with some clients who are not making changes that I want, or as quickly as I want? What keeps them coming and coming when the magic change seems so elusive? What keeps folks on Weight Watchers when the scale is stuck?

Some might call it hope and for sure that is part of it. Hope that one day the magic change will happen and life will get better. Hope suggests a vision of the future, of something different than now. Perseverance seems to be a bit different. Some synonyms for it include doggedness, persistence, and pushiness. So it seems to have something to do with keeping on when others tell you to stop, that it's not doable. That a gay paper just can't survive in Edmonton, that change for this person is just not going to happen in therapy. Those pounds will just never abandon me.

What does perspective have to do with it, I wonder? The slave cutting stones at the foot of the mountain, was he building a heap of stones or a pyramid? Perhaps we persist when we see wee bits of things, when we get wee bits of something useful from our effort. A slight change might be enough for a client to see, and a sense of the beauty in one rock might keep the slave curious. Maybe one email saying 'thanks' is enough for Dennis. Sometimes though, things like thanks are few and far between.

Are persistent folks just more stubborn than the rest of us? Are they more narrowly focussed, or more able to focus narrowly than some of us? Maybe they are the reverse of attention deficit disordered folks, with a superior ability to stay on track, to not get distracted. They stay with one flower until all the nectar is gone, don't flit from one to another, having a sip here and a sip there. Is that a metaphor for monogamy, I wonder. Did you know some of the newer work on marriage suggests that its not that folks who stay together always get along or that they don't have recurring hassles about the same things? It seems to be more important that the ratio of hassles to good stuff says in a balance of about five to one that matters. Check out www.gottman.com for some interesting research on lesbian and gay couples.

Perseverance is about not expecting relationships to be easy, its about doing the hard work needed to manage in life. We also need to know when to fold our cards and quit. Not life, just that particular struggle.

Perhaps that is really what keeps us going, the focus on the detail of the moment and the vision of the future, one eye on each. So the pleasure of seeing an issue of Times.10 hit the press yet again, along with taking the hassles of being the boss guy of the paper as part of the deal. In my work, it's a tough call between knowing when something needs to be done differently, and when more of the same is needed. Usually an experiment with something even a tiny bit different is enough to get something to shift and that is enough.

Another type of perseverance comes from the folks who came

to install new windows in our house recently. They are a Vietnamese family, boat people, who had waited in camps in Indonesia until they got permission to come to Canada.

And here they are, not speaking the greatest English yet, but working at day jobs and doing window installations on the weekends. Grandad, Dad, a younger brother, and the wife, arrived early and worked long and hard, with an hour for lunch. They brought their own Vietnamese lunch and it smelled terrific. Despite the language difference, it was easy to notice was the laughter and teasing between them as well as the urgency in their voices at tense moments in the installation process. Some things make cultural differences just so irrelevant. A recommendation for VINH's Windows and Doors Renovations, 479 4204, for persevering, managing in a new country, a new life and doing well.

Perhaps perseverance is about keeping on with the uncertainty. Not knowing exactly what is needed but figuring that given time, something will change.

Or perhaps its not about believing that things will change, its just about staying with the moment, focusing on the now and doing that as well as you can. Maybe its more Buddhist than Christian, for Christians seem to be on about the past and the future, with less on the now.

If we pay attention to the now, then the past and the future really become irrelevant and anything is possible because it is just for the now.

Managing by persevering with the now. There is lots more to say about that - the strong events in our lives are very "now" - like the taste of chocolate, like good sex, like a baby's smile, like an email saying thanks ... but the thought of persevering with the now seems like enough...more next month.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author alone and are not meant to replace consultation with a qualified professional therapist. All client related information is altered to protect identities.

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Challenging Texas "Sodomy" Law

RUC, Joined by Former Senator Alan Simpson, Urges U.S. Supreme Court to Declare Texas' "Homosexual Conduct" Law Unconstitutional

The Republican Unity Coalition today filed an amicus ("friend of the Court") brief in the United States Supreme Court arguing that the Texas "Homosexual Conduct" Law is unconstitutional. Retired Senator Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) joined the RUC's challenge to the Texas law.

The Supreme Court announced last December

that it would hear *Lawrence v. Texas*, challenging the constitutionality of Texas' "Homosexual Conduct" law, which criminalizes "sodomy" between consenting adult gay couples, even in the privacy of their own home. In Texas, the same sexual conduct is legal for heterosexuals. John Lawrence and Tyron Garner were arrested in Lawrence's Houston home and jailed overnight after officers, responding to a false report from a neighbour, found the men engaged in private, consensual sex.

Charles Francis, co-chairman of the RUC said: "The RUC has filed this brief to make one simple point: we want gay Americans to be treated like all other Americans, subject to neither special preferences nor special

disabilities. This case is not about the expansion of special rights or entitlements. Rather, it is about the unabashedly conservative commitment to our society's fundamental value of equality before the law as enshrined in our Constitution."

The RUC brief argues that Lawrence and Garner's convictions violated the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection of the laws. In this case, the RUC argues Texas' asserted claim of preserving public morality is insufficient to deny one class of citizens, but not others similarly situated, a life of physical affection and intimacy. The RUC was joined in its brief by the Honourable Alan K. Simpson, U.S. Senator (Ret.) Wyoming. He served 18 years in the United States Senate before

retiring in 1997. Senator Simpson's interest in the litigation is that he supports the principle of equality before the law, regardless of an individual's sexual orientation.

The RUC brief was written by Erik Jaffe, a former law clerk for Justice Clarence Thomas, who is now an appellate attorney in Washington, D.C. (www.esjpc.com www.esjpc.com/). Assisting Jaffe on the brief was Dale Carpenter, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Minnesota Law School.

The Republican Unity Coalition (www.republicanunity.com www.republicanunity.com/) is a national organization, both straight and gay, committed to making sexual orientation a "non-issue" within the Republican Party and throughout the nation.

HRC Mourns Passing Of Morris Kight

Calls Kight a 'Visionary Leader and Pioneer' in lesbian and gay Civil Rights Movement

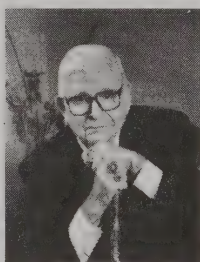
The Human Rights Campaign expressed deep sadness at the death Sunday of gay civil rights leader Morris Kight. Kight was a founding father of the modern gay rights movement, helping to

organize and form the West Coast's first gay pride parade in 1970.

"Morris was a visionary leader and pioneer in gay civil rights. He started a paradigm shift in this country's understanding of the gay community, moving from a place of deep-seated fear and intolerance toward a culture based in pride, mutual understanding and tolerance," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

"Morris was truly a great leader in every sense of the word. His vision and hard work paved the road for today's gay rights movement," said HRC

Communications Director and Senior Strategist David Smith. Kight helped to found the Gay and Lesbian



Community Service Centre of Los Angeles, now known as the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Centre, which helped to galvanize California's gay and lesbian community. His work over the years also included protesting a variety

of social issues impacting the community and crusading in the fight against HIV/AIDS. "Our deepest sympathies go out to Morris's partner, Roy, their two daughters and their families at this difficult time," said Birch.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

“There He goes walking down the street, Boots and Braces, he looks so sweet!”

Ok, so I changed the gender in this line from a song called “Heart like a Lion” by an Oi! Punk band called Pressure Point. Over in Europe these days (especially in England and Germany), those into boots and braces seem to be growing in numbers. What, you may ask, am I referring to? Well, the Queer Skin movement seems to be attracting more and more young gay men, and melding with the leather and rubber crowd.

Queer Skin you ask? Yes I mean gay skinheads. The word skinhead for many gays in North America evokes thoughts of Neo-Nazis and fag bashers. Many wonder why then gay men would dress, and identify as a skinhead. Well, I hope by the end of this article that you may have a better insight about what skinheads are and aren’t, and where Queer Skins fit in the leather world.

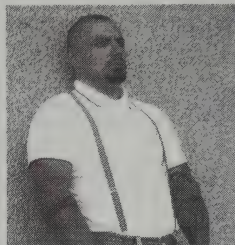
The history of skinheads starts in England some time in the late 1950s and early 1960s. It actually started as a melding of working class English culture and the culture of newly arriving Jamaicans. This is why that for many skinheads, Ska (which is a derivative of Reggae) is the music of choice. Jamaican you say? If you thought all skinheads were racist, well not quite. The “Nazi” skinheads came sometime later. In the late 1970s and 1980s

especially, a political party called the National Front started in the UK. These guys make the Alliance Party look left wing, if that were possible. Their motto was pretty simple, “England for the English”. They went to many

working class neighborhoods and “recruited” young disaffected men, who also happened to be skinheads. They used them to do their dirty work beating up immigrants, and general bad deeds to those not quite English enough. This type of activity was also used by various Neo-Nazi organizations in Europe and America. In response to this, a movement called SHARP (Skin Heads Against Racial Prejudice) started up. Those who identify as SHARPs like to remind people that skin culture started as a melding of two different racial groups, and isn’t about the whole white power thing.

So where do queer skins fall into all of this? Like many gay male sub-cultures have done before, this is an adoption of a traditional masculine look. For some gay men, who don’t feel like they fit into a sometimes materialistic, and narcissistic gay world, the harder edge of skin culture is attractive. The birth of skinhead culture is forever tied to the working class. This is perhaps the appeal to some gay men, to whom the masculinity inherent in the blue collar world is thought of as sexy. In fact, so popular the skinhead look is with gay men in England, that “straight” skins I know who have been over the pond in the

last few years say that skinhead culture there is now pretty much gay culture. If you see a skin walking down the street there is a good chance he is gay.



So what makes a Queer Skin? Well skinhead culture is more than

just the close and buzzed off hair. There is a certain amount of macho bravado involved. I know more than one queer skin that thought the movie “Fight Club” was more a soft porno flick than Hollywood movie. Also there is this love of being anti-politically correct. In my many travels I have met skinheads who range from SHARPs to guys verging on being Neo-Nazis. The one thing they all have in common is that they don’t mince words. They never seem to worry about offending people with their socio-political view, whichever way they lean. This bluntness and living life with no apologies may be what attracts gay men in the first place. Skins just are what they are. There is no need to apologize for it, including being gay.

One can’t talk about Skinhead or punk culture and not talk about music. Oi!, Punk, Ska, Psycho Billy, as well as “Alternative” Rock and Metal, are all part of the listening selections for many skins. In mainstream gay culture, dance, show tunes, folk, and R & B reign supreme. Not that I have anything against any of those types of music, but I like a little variety in life. Vaseline night, which is a rock/punk themed gay dance night in Toronto, and the Black Eagle on its “Skinhead Nights”, plays punk and Oi in

an effort to diversify the music scene for gay men and women. There are even gay punks bands like Pansy Division around who write great little tunes with a totally gay point of view.

The clothes, boots, braces (suspenders), buzzed hair and tattoos are also all part of the culture. Standard clothes are jeans or bleachers (which are bleached out jeans), rolled short with a shirt or polo shirt. Yes skins can be label whores in the sense that British brands like Fred Perry, Lonsdale, and Ben Sherman are popular. Trad-skins wear British boots, often 10 or 14 hole. Gay skins have seemed to get into the 20 hole and higher as well. Doc Martens are one brand favored. I tend to like Gripfasts and Undergrounds myself since they have screwed in soles. The suspenders are part of legacy of working class England. Also popular are gig shirts of your favorite punk band (I am quite proud of my Dropkick Murphy’s and Flogging Molly T-shirts!). Then you add the tattoos. Most skinheads I know, gay or straight, are addicted to the tattoo needle. Often skin tattoos have to do with the wearer’s ethnic background. Most skins are proud of their heritage, be it Irish, English, Scottish, German, French, Japanese, African, or whatever. Remember not all skins are racist – and not all skins are white either. There are also tattoos that are specific to skinhead culture (the crucified skinhead is one), tattoos of favorite bands, tribal designs, you name it.

In the end, the reason for this article is to further describe aspects and the diversity of the leather community. Skinheads tend to end up bunched up with the leather crowd on many levels. Sexually most Queer Skins are on the kinky side of things. If you go on WorldSkins.Com, you will find more than a few guys into “agro”, which is the term for very rough sex. Many skins also view themselves as leather folk, though many will say Skin first. Skinheads tend to live the life 24/7. The music they listen to, the clothes they wear, what they drink, eat, do, and think, and what they do for work, are all often tied to being a skin, and the blue collar culture it was based on.

Also, there are many skins that cross over into rubber culture. There are even rubber/latex clothing makers that make latex fetish wear based on traditional skin wear.

Just one other note; there are women skins as well, who are usually referred to as Chelseas. I have met more than a few Chelseas in my time who are either lesbians outright or bi. I think the attraction for gay women to the whole Skinhead/Chelsea look and lifestyle is that it is unapologetic and the "don't mess with me attitude".

In the end the whole skinhead thing can be wrapped up in being proud of who you are, which is not a bad thing. At times, this can be taken a little too far, but too many of us in gay land are ashamed

of who we are. As I mentioned before, being a skinhead is about being proud of who you are, and never apologizing for it. So O!! (which kind of means a "shout out") to my skin brothers and sisters.

On a side note, I was pleased to attend and represent Edmonton at Mr. Leather Toronto (MLT) on November 30. My partner Dan and I had a great time. Congratulations to all the contestants, any one of them would have made a good Mr. Leather Toronto. The winner this year, and now Mr. Leather Toronto 2003 is Paul Ciantar. He will be representing Toronto in the International Mr. Leather competition this May in Chicago. The folks at MLT also hand out a sort of Mr.

Congeniality award each year, which is voted on by all the contestants. This year the Mr. Leather Fellowship award went to Steven Penticost. I think both these men will do a great job.

Up coming events? Northern Chaps and the Edmonton "O" Society (EOS) will have the annual shindigs the weekend of February 14-16. The events are called Black Ice (held by Northern Chaps) and Lupercalia MMIII (By EOS). The Lupercalia event is already sold out. Keep your eyes open for information regarding Black Ice. ECUM still meets the second Saturday of the month at Boots.

Also, between now and May, you will all most likely get sick of seeing me out and about. I will be holding various fundraisers around

town for both Living Positive and for the Mr. Edmonton Leather Travel fund (which helps us lowly title holders get to Chicago for IML). Also Ms. Edmonton Leather 2003 and 2004 is going to be held April 6th. For any women looking at entering this contest, please see the current Ms. Edmonton Leather Marla.

Anyone considering running for Mr. Edmonton Leather, the contest will be June. Keep your eyes peeled, as this year Northern Chaps is hoping that contestant sponsors will all hold individual preliminary contests. If you have any questions about running for Mr. Edmonton Leather, and would like to find out more about the contest, please feel free to contact Northern Chaps, or contact us.

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Team Edmonton Takes on the World

The Gay Games 2002 have come and gone. We thought you might enjoy a quick recap of Team Edmonton's adventures down-under (well, at least some of the adventures).

We were a small but mighty team. Though Team Edmonton was only 8 in number, we managed to cover 8 different sports including golf, swimming, badminton, half and full marathons, track, billiards, and triathlon. We also managed to bring home a

couple of gold medals, a silver, and a few bronze. In keeping with the principles of the Games, participation, inclusion and personal best efforts, we all came home with participation medals as a reminder of a special experience.

Our local Making Waves Swim Club was very proud to bring home 3 swimming medals – great job MWSC! (For more information on MWSC: www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm).

The Games overall drew 12,524 participants from 82 countries and Canada boasted the 4th largest contingent at 815 members.



The opening ceremonies were held at Aussie Stadium (Australian rules football). The 4 hours of standing, waiting, and wondering prior to the opening ceremonies was well worth it. Country by country, and city by city

each team was announced and welcomed into the stadium to the cheers of thousands of fans and athletes. I suddenly forgot completely about my aching feet and hungry tummy. To say the experience was moving would be an understatement. It is best described as a combination of euphoria, excitement, relief, wonder, and amazement. We had finally arrived and it was more than we could have imagined.

There were 5 cultural themes to the opening, each adopting a theme of the World's gay movement from 'struggle' through 'perseverance' to 'acceptance'. Dancers, bikers, singers and many other performers, most of whom were volunteers, depicted a fascinating and tumultuous journey of queer culture.

Especially memorable was a stirring Australian national anthem by Australian-aboriginal-lesbian opera diva, Debora Cheetham. I don't know if there was a dry eye in the house. Next was a beautiful and silky performance by kd lang, and finally a jump-outta-your-seat-to-dance number by Jimmy Somerville.

My favorite memory is Team Pakistan and Team India entering the stadium arm-in-

arm. My throat was tight and the cheers were deafening. This is what the Games are all about.

Not only were there over 30 sporting events (complete with heaps of sporty gals and guys), but there was also a jam-packed cultural program. Theatre, music, and film filled venues all over Sydney for the complete week. You literally needed to be awake 24/7 (I think I was for a few days) to see a fraction of what was taking place. For those into choirs, Sing Out to the World was a definite highlight. 500 individual singers from around the world and dozens of gay and lesbian choirs took over the Sydney Opera House for an evening of music and fun.

For those of us not tired enough from our sporting events, there were the parties. Oh the parties... the first, the Sunset party, was located outside on the historic Fleet Steps. Imagine 7000 revelers dancing to a sunset backdrop of the Opera House, Sydney Bridge and downtown! Next was Butch, the women's party, with 6000 gals rompin' and stompin' up a wild ol' time – even I wish I could have gone. For those looking for something a little edgier, the Black Party offered enough skin, leather and chains to film a couple of sequels to Mad Max. The Farewell Party drew 25,000 as Games participants and friends danced the night and Games away. Quite a way to say goodbye.

For those of you who were not able to attend, don't fret! Canada is hosting the Games in Montreal in 2006. Check out www.montreal2006.org for latest updates.



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Facts of Life

A boy and his father are walking along in the park, and the boy sees two dogs mating. The boy asks his father, "What are those dogs doing?" The father tells the boy that the dogs are making puppies. Later that evening the son walks into his parent's bedroom to discover that they are making love, and the son asks the father what they are doing? The father says, "We're making you a baby brother." The boy says to his father, "Turn Mommy over, Dad, I'd rather have a puppy!"

Sorry I'm Late Mom [classic]

Late one Saturday evening, I was awakened by the ringing of my phone. In a sleepy grumpy voice I said hello. The party on the other end of the line paused for a moment before rushing breathlessly into a lengthy speech. "Mom, this is Susan and I'm sorry I woke you up, but I had to call because I'm going to be a little late getting home. See, Dad's car has a flat but it's not my fault. Honest! I don't know what happened. The tire just went flat while we were inside the theater. Please don't be mad, okay?" Since I don't have any daughters, I knew the person had dialed my number by mistake. "I'm sorry dear," I replied, "but you've reached the wrong number. I don't have a daughter named Susan." "Gosh, Mom," the young woman's voice replied, "I didn't think you'd be this mad."

The Truth Within

A pastor was preaching an impassioned sermon on the evils of television. "It steals away precious time that could be better spent on other things," he said. He advised the congregation to do what he and his family had done. "We put our TV away in the closet." "That's right," his wife mumbled, "and it gets awfully crowded in there."

Those Americans

"A Swiss man, looking for directions, pulls up at a bus stop where two Americans are waiting. 'Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?' he asks. The two Americans just stare at him. 'Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?' he tries. The two continue to stare. 'Parlare Italiano?' No response. 'Hablan ustedes Espanol?' Still nothing. The Swiss guy drives off, extremely disgusted. The first American turns to the second and says, 'Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language.' 'Why?' says the other. 'That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good.'"

Swindled

A newsboy was standing on the corner with a stack of papers, yelling, "Read all about it. Fifty people swindled! Fifty people swindled!" Curious, a man walked over, bought a paper, and checked the front page. What he saw was yesterday's paper. The man said, "Hey, this is an old paper, where's the story about the big swindle?" The newsboy ignored him and went on calling out, "Read all about it. Fifty-one people swindled!"

Signs the Car You Just Bought is a Lemon

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6. You get a "Good Luck" card from the previous owner.

7. As you drive up to a service station for gas, the mechanic opens the big door to the service bay and waves you in.

8. When you leave for work the next morning, you notice a tow truck parked about a block from your driveway. As you drive by, it silently falls in behind you.

9. The little "Service Engine" warning signal in the dashboard comes on and reads "Its Me Again."

Its in there

During a sermon, the preacher says to his congregation, "The Bible covers everything. I challenge anyone to name a subject I can't find in the Good Book." A woman in a back pew raises her hand and asks, "What about PMS?" Caught by surprise, the preacher nervously thumbs through the Bible before exclaiming, "Oh here it is: 'And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Bethlehem.'"

Silliness

A guy walks into a doctor's office and says, "Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green, Green Grass of Home'." "Sounds like you have Tom Jones syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, it's not unusual."

The Trial

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defence's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said

as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened. Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty." The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty. "But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some

doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door." The jury foreman replied: "Oh, we did look, but your client didn't."

Two Old Men

On Toby's 90th Birthday, he called up one of his good old friends and said to him, "Y'Know Ted, I'm 90 now, and I don't have a long time left here on gods green earth, I would like to do one last thing before I pass away. I'd like to have sex with a woman, just one last time" Ted replied, "That's true Toby, I am not that far off too. I think I would like to do that too." After a couple minutes of thought, Toby comes to the conclusion that it would be hard to just go and find a female to fulfill their wishes. So Ted

Decided that they will just call a cab and ask the cab driver what he thinks.

Moments later a Taxi arrives, and the two elderly men propose their idea to the driver. The Driver comes up with the plan that the two old me should go to a Brothel. When they arrive at the Brothel, the two old men knock and wait patiently for the Mistress to answer the door. "What can I do for you?" asked the lady as the door opens. Toby quickly briefs the lady about their plans. The Mistress thinks to herself, "I can't put any of my beautiful young ladies with these two old men... Maybe I can just put a blow-up doll in a room,

and let them have a go. They wont even know the difference."

First, Toby goes into the room, and closes the door behind him. About half an hour later, he comes out and tells the mistress, "Wasn't as I remembered, but it was Okay" And he walks off with a smile. Ted was next to enter the room. After about an hour of screams and moans, the door opens. Ted says to the woman unhappily, "That woman is a witch!" "Pardon me?" replied the Mistress, "That woman is a witch! I mean it!" Says Ted, "everything was going fine for about an hour, then I started to get a little rough with her, then I started nibbling her tit, then she farted and flew out the window!"

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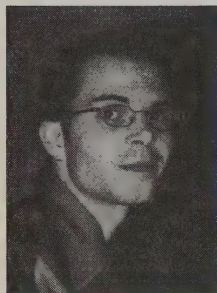
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No Routine Is So Set

Some people like their ruts. You know the type. Show up every day at the same bar at the same time, sit on the same stool, order the same drink, talk to the same friends, and go home at the same time. Get up, go to work, go to bed and then repeat the cycle. There is a sense of continuity in that type of routine. Doing tomorrow what you did today and yesterday leaves little room for surprise.

Similarly, some people like their relationships in a nice comfortable little groove as well. Get up at the same time, come home from work, talk about their day over dinner then cuddle on the couch during Must See NBC before going to bed for sex and sleep. Again, the positive side is the lack of surprise. Stability and security require a sense

of permanence, and nothing can give that sense as much as a rut so long enjoyed that it seems impossible to climb out of. Not that you even want to.

Small wonder then, that when that status quo is irrevocably shattered, that rut becomes filled with a torrent of stress and drama that seems equally impossible to escape.

One of my best friends recently had three sources of stability overturned almost back-to-back, employment, relationship, and residence. Now some people, maybe even most, would absolutely collapse at that, if only for a while. Not her. In a display of strength like I've never seen, she reinvented her life from the ground up, using the series of personal upheavals to re-discover parts of herself that had lain dormant for so long. It was the kind of life-altering events that prompts people to go on tour as inspirational speakers, but even without that tour, I learned a few valuable lessons.

No routine is so set that it can't be broken. No status quo situation is so internally stable that outside pressure cannot change it. There are always new sources of employment, there are always new places to live, and as jaded as it sounds, there is always someone

else to fall in love with. Most importantly, it demonstrated so clearly that everyone has within them the strength to overcome anything that life can throw at them.

Life, at times, is an evil and ironic thing, that almost seems to have a mind of its own sometimes. Call it Fate, destiny, God's hand, whatever. It is the surprise party you honestly never expected. It's the car accident no one could see coming. It is meeting the man of your dreams and then falling in love with his beautiful wife. It's impossible to predict. It's a wandering road with sudden left turns, blind intersections, and forks here and there with no signs showing the way. In fact, the only thing that's constant is that nothing is constant.

What can you do then? Make the most out of the trip. It's been said, and better, that sometimes the best part of a vacation is that time you got lost and ended up somewhere you never expected to be. Taking those surprises and twisting them to your own advantage is all you can really do. Whether it's to learn a lesson, make a fortune, or even just get some really good sex, there are advantages to come out of disaster. The trick is being able to see them when you are looking back on a peaceful life gone topsy-turvy. One thing must end for another to begin, and before I completely disregard copyrights or start spewing even more clichés, it's best to end this here, and save a new beginning for March.

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The Gay Train?

"The Shane Train flattens gay stigma!" read the headline above a full page feature on urban trail-blazer Shane Bodie and his successful live Hip-Hop show, The Shane Train, in the music issue of ED Magazine, the Edmonton Journal's art and culture insert every Saturday. The article touched on Shane's initial marketing thrust within the music industry specifically being directed to gay consumers (his catch phrase being, "not just another fag at the piano"). At the time, Shane thought the

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender community was hungry for people who were innovative and taking risks outside of the stereotypes perpetuated by the mainstream. But inevitably, the *gay tag* marred him as a contender within Hip-Hop and R&B, a notoriously hetero-centric sound and, unfortunately, being a fag is a subject untouched within the genre. But Shane's reinvention does not involve a gay agenda. It only involves his creative contributions as an urban music innovator, not as a gay singer.

Record stores, radio stations, and video channels normally do not designate gay space in stock or programming, so it is safe to say that as music buyers, gay people are spending their dollars on the same things as straight people. That does not mean that record companies aren't cashing in on gay markets. Hit-makers like Shania, Enrique, Britney, and Justin have their singles re-mixed and debuted around the world at gay circuit parties. These events have long surpassed raves in terms

of attendance and eventually these re-mixes get play in straight night clubs too. This is one example of when a gay area emerges; songs by straight artists becoming gay anthems - blowing up in the gay circuit then mainstreaming to straight clubs, radio, and TV.

But the Hip-Hop phenomenon is worldwide and in the last 10 years has become the new Pop, weaving its way from its Black origins into white, suburban youth culture. Naturally, gay culture is investing into the hype. Dig into any inner city's all over the continent and you will find gay men and women

eating, breathing, and sleeping Hip-Hop. Gay clubs for Homo Thug's (inner city, thug'd out Black/Latino gay males seeking similar men who represent just like their Hip-Hop heroes) are popping up everywhere. Rumour has it that Dr. Dre is a fag, Q-Tip, Ja Rule... you name it. It's in these clubs where urban legends about sexual exploits between these thugs and celebrity Hip-Hop Homo's are born. But it remains a secret in these deep, dark places; the men as afraid of coming out as their idols would be. Words like "fag" or "gay" are not spoken. Unspoken to the world, unspoken to themselves.

As for the ladies, we have the Aggressive's (AG's), butch inner city lesbians ruling basketball courts, living and loving hard, looking like boys complete with femme, often straight, girlfriends. But again, don't say "dyke" and

"lesbian" to these chicks. Not now, not ever! Rapper Ludicris' track 'Move Bitch' evokes a ritualistic dance in Aggressive clubs the women slamming into each other, chanting "Move bitch! Get out the way!" And the ladies also have their icons. Queen Latifah played a lesbian in the film "Set It Off", and was seen recently with Blu Cantrell (singer of the smash "Hit 'Em Up Style") at a NY Lesbian hang out. Mega-producer Teddy Riley's discovery, Queen Pen, is openly bisexual. Even the late Aaliyah's beautiful video, Rock Da Boat, showed her and a boatload of girls engaged in

flirtatious, sexually charged choreography.

Concurrently, the Hip-Hop media does not back away entirely from gay issues. VIBE Magazine, the world's biggest urban culture voice, was responsible for bringing the Homo Thug/Aggressive's scene to the world, and recently featured New York's

Harvey Milk School for inner city GLBT teenagers. But the stories were integrated into the overall context of the magazine - the emphasis being Hip-Hop culture. These men and women may be gay, but they are a part of the community. Emil Wilbekin, VIBE's award-winning editor-in-chief, is gay (no small step for a Black man, let alone, a homosexual).

But this is not New York. Nor is it a glossy paged magazine, or a flashy music video. It's Alberta. And the Shane Train was created to shed light on live, no frills Hip-

Hop/Soul music at a roots level. Unfortunately, the local media is still finding Shane's sexuality more "culturally relevant" than the music or the entertainment value within live Hip-Hop. From Shane's perspective, there was no gay stigma in mind, no political agenda when producing the show. So, in turn, the stigma still remains. It isn't flattened at all. He is tapping in to a creative force within the community at large, not specifically the gay community. And the media is forcing a wedge between his gay and straight fans by pressing the issue.

The journalist who wrote the 'ED' article had never actually seen the show, nor did she mention the other musicians, rappers, and DJ's participating in it. During the interview, she did admit that her boyfriend liked Shane's music. "He liked 'Sweet Sumthin', a doo-wop, Hip-Hop song about a love triangle," Shane recalls. "Straight people digging my style and coming to the show speaks volumes about my work as an artist and less about my appeal as a gay man." Shane says, "But even Eminem is rotated heavily in gay clubs now. He is a gay icon!"

So why should Shane create music only for a gay audience? On the surface, he represents for the same things these inner-city homo's do - the clothes, the music, the attitude, the life. And he shares with his peers the same sort of bewilderment towards traditional gay stereotypes. They relish in knowing that there are communities where the old versions of being gay aren't suitable to classify. "We stand for something greater than a gay identity. Sexual expression is key - preference is a small element." Shane continues, "But Gay! Straight! Whatever! It doesn't apply on the Shane Train. The music and my contribution to Hip-Hop and R&B is a more important issue when dealing with great art and entertainment."



Some say I'm Crazy

By *Sticky Vicky*

The New Year has begun, and I am still doing fundraisers once a month. The past year I have raised money for Alberta Breast Cancer Foundation, G.L.C.C.E., Alberta Diabetes Fund, U of A AIDS research, and Helping Children Have A Brighter Christmas. I thank all those who were there to perform and purchase my Jell-O shooters. The New Year will be a Star Search, hoping to bring out any and all new and old talent. I am in the process of getting a

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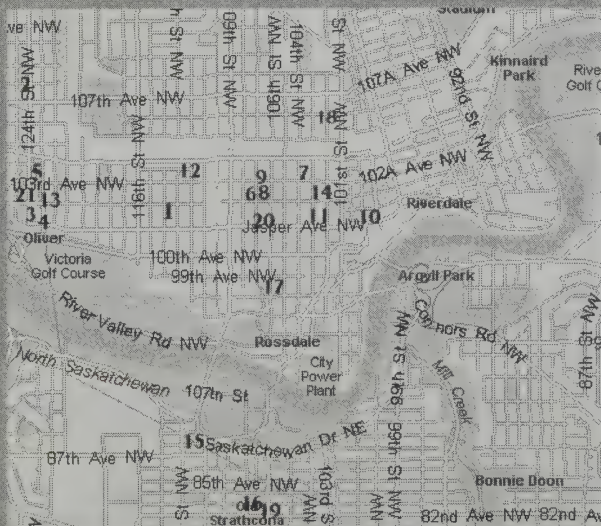
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What have they learned?

Some of the unique emotional qualities found in same-sex couples.

Gay/lesbian couples are more upbeat in the face of conflict. Compared to straight couples, gay and lesbian couples use more affection and humor when they bring up a disagreement, and partners are more positive in how they receive

it. Gay and lesbian couples are also more likely to remain positive after a disagreement. "When it comes to emotions, we think these couples may operate with very different principles than straight couples. Straight couples may have a lot to learn from gay and lesbian relationships," explains Gottman.

Gay/lesbian couples use fewer controlling, hostile emotional tactics. Gottman and Levenson also discovered that gay and lesbian partners display less belligerence, domineering and fear with each other than straight couples do. "The difference on these 'control' related emotions suggests that fairness and power-sharing between the

partners is more important and more common in gay and lesbian relationships than in straight ones," Gottman explained.

In a fight, gay and lesbian couples take it less personally. In straight couples, it is easier to hurt a partner with a negative comment than to make one's partner feel good with a positive comment. This appears to be reversed in gay and lesbian couples. Gay and lesbian partners' positive comments have more impact on feeling good, while their negative comments are less likely to produce hurt feelings. "This trend suggests that gay and

differences, on emotional expressiveness

In a fight, lesbians show more anger, humour, excitement and interest than conflicting gay men. This suggests that lesbians are more emotionally expressive—positively and negatively—than gay men. This result may be the effect of having two women in a relationship. Both have been raised in a society where expressiveness is more acceptable for women than for men, and it shows up in their relationships.

Gay men need to be especially careful to avoid negativity in conflict. When it comes to repair, gay couples differ from straight and lesbian couples. If the initiator of conflict in a gay relationship becomes too negative, his partner is not able to repair as effectively as lesbian or straight partners. "This suggests that gay men may need extra help to offset the impact of negative emotions that inevitably come along when couples fight," explains Gottman.

How did Drs. Gottman and Levenson study same-sex couples? Gottman and Levenson recorded gay and lesbian couples interacting and coded partners' expressions to learn more about their emotions. They also used more common self-reporting and interview methods, in detail and over time. The combination of these measures provided a thorough assessment. The results of this research are currently under review for publication.

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lesbian partners have a tendency to accept some degree of negativity without taking it personally," observes Gottman.

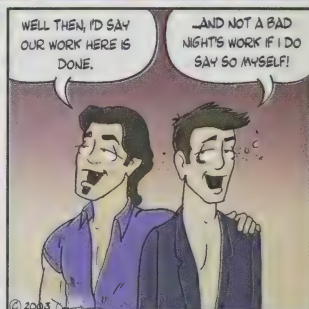
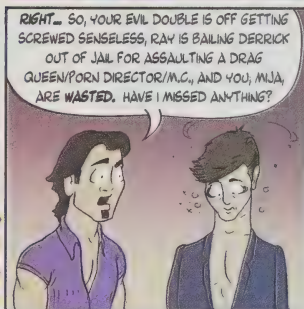
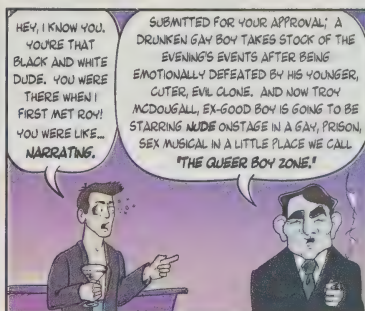
Unhappy gay and lesbian couples tend to show low levels of "physiological arousal." This is just the reverse for straight couples. For straights, physiological arousal signifies ongoing aggravation. The ongoing aroused state—including elevated heart rate, sweaty palms, and jitteriness—means partners have trouble calming down in the face of conflict. For gay and lesbian couples this lower level of arousal shows that they are able to soothe one another.

Gay and lesbian differences, mostly gender

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Think about the lack of GPs as it relates to the health needs of our community. Only a small percentage of all doctors really understand the health needs of the community. Can you imagine how many friendly gay and lesbian doctors are accepting new patients? Not many, if any! And this problem is only going to get worse. Population growth estimates say that Edmonton will increase its population by approximately 15,000 people

for each year from 2003 to 2005. Even if only 1% to 3% of these people are Gay or Lesbian (a very low estimate), then an additional 450 to 1350 persons will be looking for a new General Practitioner where there are few, if any, Gay and Lesbian friendly doctors available.

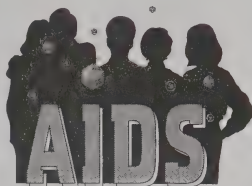
Our community has special medical needs and doctors often need to spend more time resolving these issues. Some examples of special health concerns are:

Higher incidences of some forms of cancer
Reproductive issues are more complex.
HIV infection
STD's
Suicide, Mental Health and homophobia
Ethics of sexual disclosure
Complexity of sexual identity re-assignment

These are just a few examples of Gay and Lesbian health issues. Gay and Lesbian health care is more labor intensive for our doctors. Unfortunately, our doctors are not being appropriately compensated for all this extra work. Since the Gay and Lesbian communities are invisible to our governments, more and more doctors are choosing not to serve our community. The fact is doctors who have practiced within the Gay and Lesbian community are now opting to service other communities.

From a personal point of view, my friendly Gay and Lesbian general practitioner is now booking appointments 3 to 4 weeks from the time you call to make the appointment. This doctor is not taking any new patients and neither are any of the other doctors in the

office. This is absolutely UNACCEPTABLE. Our needs as a community are being completely ignored and it is time for us to make this an issue. The issue is not about individual doctors but about a system that ignores us as a community! This issue is about dignity, about human



rights, about our lives and, in some cases, the lack of appropriate health care does mean the difference between life and death. Do you realize that the words Gay or Lesbian cannot be found anywhere on the Capital Health website which lists all of the services available?

What can we do? We need to organize and put pressure on Capital Health to recognize us as a demographic group worthy of offering services to. We need to get lesbian and gay persons onto the Community Health Councils that service lesbian and gay communities. We need to organize and make this an issue for our community. If you have an opinion or suggestion, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me either through Times.10 or at lgbthealth@wyldebear.com.

I hope to get a website up shortly where this issue can be reported on and discussed in more detail.

Daniel Wylie

(Dan is HIV+ and an AIDS activist in the city of Edmonton)

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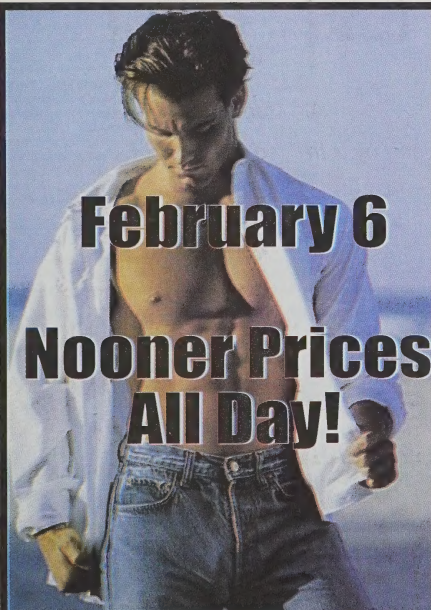
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romance

Box 31081: I am good-looking and white. I have brown hair, blue eyes, and a mustache. I am in relatively good shape. I am 5'11", 185lb. I have been told that I look younger than the 45 years that I am. I could look 37, or 38. I am looking for an honest, sincere, open-minded guy who is not afraid to do things spontaneously, and who will let me get to know them. I am kind and gentle. I don't drink or smoke.

Box 31188: I'm 25, 5'11", 150lb, slim and smooth, very clean and discreet. I've got a 6-1/2" cut cock, nice balls and I shave my ass, cock and balls. I have a 28" waist, real nice ass. I have a young underwear fetish. I like to wear them. I'm looking for some older guys 45+ who are able to entertain

Box 31246: I'm 41, 38" waist, 48" chest, long brown hair, mustache, goatee. Going to the gym for 3 months, been on a fitness thing now since last January, starting to look good and feel good about myself, and hoping to maybe hook up with somebody. Maybe go to the gym and stuff and develop some sort of relationship. I casual encounters just isn't where I'm at.

Box 31381: I'm 35, 5'11", 200lb, I'm muscular and in pretty good shape and am also quite masculine. Looking for other masculine guy or bisexual man between 31-47 to go out on a few dates with at least once a week to start off with friendship first and possibly end in a long term relationship. I'm pretty intelligent, affectionate and very kind, caring and am also a romantic.

friendship & hanging out

Box 31068: I'm Mike, a fun 20 year old, who would like to meet new people for friendship and maybe even more.

Box 31300: Handsome 31, 5'8", dark hair, dark brown eyes seeking other males 26-38. I'm straightforward, straight acting, professionally employed not into head games. Looking for decent guys who there to become

friends with and seeing where the road takes us. Interests of mine include camping, hiking, running, traveling, sailing, a good movie. I enjoy hanging out with my friends. Family.

Box 31403: I'm looking for guys to hang out with, have a few beers, a few laughs. I'm not much into going to the gay bar. I'm pretty straight acting, looking for the same. Preferably bisexual.

one night stands

Box 31027: I'm 5'8", 145lb, with an extremely smooth body, 6" cut, shaved cock, and balls. I am a bottom guy. I am looking to get together with a real young skinny guy someone smooth and slim. Who would like to have casual encounters? Maybe you can even stay all night. I am very flexible.

Box 31040: Married guy, 5'10", 185lb, short brown hair, blue eyes. I am just looking to have a little fun, and to see what is out there.

Box 31042: Looking for quick encounters with men. Hopefully, things will work out, and we can get off and be on our way.

Box 31072: This is Andy, 24, 6'2", 150lb, blond hair and brown eyes. My tongue is pierced, and I am checking it out. Looking for guys my age or younger, to hook up with for a hot time.

Box 31126: Seeing who's hot and horny. I am 25, 5'8", 155lb.

Box 31138: I am 30 and attractive. I am looking for someone to get together with discreetly. I am 6", 200lb, brown hair and eyes. 8" and fairly good-looking.

Box 31162: This is Jay. Looking for guys, 18-25, who are bottoms. I can hook up anytime.

Box 31164: Clean, discreet, mid-40s bi guy. I am very straight looking and acting. I am in the desert and looking for a guy that may be attached or single, very discreet that would like to get together on a regular

basis or a one night stand. Looking for a well-endowed guy that is straight looking and acting that would like to go raw, be a top for me. I love sucking cock, love getting fucked, looking for a good safe, clean sex.

Box 31273: Very eager bottom, 33, good-looking, 5'8", 150lb. I have dark hair and a mustache, nice ass and fairly nice 7" thick cock. I'm looking to travel on the most part and looking to suck cock and get my ass fucked. Very serious, clean and discreet.

Box 31288: Mid-20s guy here, 5'8", 140lb, clean-cut, slim, smooth, toned, downtown, looking to hook up.

Box 31298: I'm 29, 6'1", 160lb, goatee, hairy chest, 7" cut, green eyes, dirty blond hair, attractive. Looking for guys around the same build or better, around the same age for some good clean fun.

Box 31300: I'm 185lb, 5'11", ft. muscular moderately hairy, incredibly horny. Well-thing, love fucking, particularly attracted to hairy muscular guys, anybody that has an ass that they like working over, contact me.

Box 31314: I'm 6', 170lb, short hair, blonde, blue eyes, clean-shaven with a hairy chest, well-endowed, about 8 1/2" thick and uncult. Like oral, body contact and am also a top.

Box 31328: I'm a curious bi white male, 31, 5'11", 195lb, 6-1/2" cut. Looking to meet and experiment with another guy. Heading to Whitecourt and Grand Prairie, Clean, discreet, healthy, looking for the same.

Box 31415: Looking for some hot fun with an older guy. I'm a bottom looking for a top.

Box 31417: Curious to see who's out there, always interested in hooking up with a good little cocksucker or guys who like to fuck.

Box 31489: I'm 27, 6'1", 220lb, short brown hair in Northwestern Alberta, in and around the Peace River area. I'm looking for very open-minded males for casual encounters up this way.

group scenes & public sex

Box 31063: I'm 24, bi, I am submissive and kinky - a dirty bottom boy. I am looking to get used by dominant, older top guys. I love to suck cock, display, get, get fucked. Definitely love the sexual energy of hot guys. I am into groups, too. Love to get gangbangs.

Box 32980: I am Kevin. I am a cowboy-type. I like to suck cock. I like to lick ass. I like to get fucked. I like to fuck. I like getting sucked. I am doing just about anything.

total tops

Box 31084: I'm Greg, 5'9", 8" cut. Like to meet someone out there, for the topping of them. Prefer the cops, and those who like to be aggressive. Like to play the dominating role. Who wants to be my bottom?

Box 31322: Always a horny bottom. I like to lick, suck, swallow, live deep-throating and really like to get fucked by a nice guy. I like more of a dominant type. I'm middle-aged, 6', 220lb, shaved head. I live by myself and can entertain.

Box 31423: Hot and horny top looking for hairy bottoms. I'm into oral, 39, 5'8", 145lb, 31" waist. Very clean and discreet, expect the same.

submissive bottoms

Box 31110: This single, mid-40s bi male is looking for all comers, into oral and anal, both giving and receiving. I am 5'7", 150lb, can entertain. I have various types of X-rated movies. Age is no barrier.

Box 31472: I'm 40, bi, good-looking, short hair, smooth chest, 7" thick and cut, shaved balls, nice ass. I'm a pretty slim guy and new at this, looking for a top man to give my ass a nice ride. I've never been fucked before. I'm looking for someone similar. I'm 40, also tall, slim and hairy or smooth is fine.

first-timers & bi guys

Box 31011: My name is Jim. I am a very straight acting, straight appearance, gay white male, 5'8", 7" cock, big and hairy hanging balls, and a nice, firm, clean, tight round, fuckable asshole. I want to connect with a good-looking, white, bi guy, for some hot, man-to-man action. I am available - daytime or nighttime. I sure looking for someone who is well-thing and full of the cum - I am a plus. Let's have some hot man-to-man or you can even just by back and be serviced by this hungry, deep-throated knob-gobler. I am someone who wants it all. I love the taste of cock. And enjoy locking, on hairy hanging balls, looking between the man's legs, and sucking my white tongue inside the clean and hairy mantle.

Box 31054: I am 80. My cock is 5" long and I am just showing it right now. I am just looking for someone who wants to play up my big dick, or let me play up their big dick.

Box 31099: We are two bi buddies. We are looking to meet up with male/female couples. I am 42, 225lb, 5'10", hairy, 7-1/2" thick and uncult. My buddy is 25, 6'4", 180lb, swimmer's build, 8-1/2" cut, small balls that are nice and tight. We are both bi, and we both like to suck and fuck.

Box 31277: I'm 27, 5'7", 170lb with average to muscular build, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, goatee, attractive, 6" cut. I'm looking for someone who wants to get together for a little bit of casual fun. I'm not into hugging or kissing or very much body contact, but I enjoy oral, anal, giving and receiving. I'm looking for someone who is 20-45, in fairly decent shape who enjoys giving and receiving both oral and anal and who's into role play games or very much together, feel kind of stuff who wants to get together, get each other hard and have some fun.

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Box 31030: Very submissive bottom, 5'11", 195lb, brown hair and eyes, fairly new. I am looking for a dominant top with some toys to use me as they see fit. I have more than one, well that just might be okay too, with the right circumstances.

Box 31214: I'm 50, submissive, looking for a strict dominant type that can administer old-fashioned discipline that can get the best out of me.

fetishes, kink & ranch

Box 31188: I am 32. I am looking for an older man, about 50, who needs a little fuckery. I will wear panties for you, and you can let me parties off. Tie my legs to the back bedsheets. Drop my ass in the air, prop my neck up. I am going to watch you fuck my ass. I have seeing a cock coming in and out of my ass.

Box 31696: I am a bi-curious male, and very interested in the BDI lifestyles. Wondering if anybody has any BDI tapes, a male being seduced, or being played with, maybe different toys or apparatus, being used on the male? Also into the party favours - have you got any poppers or anything that would keep a guy in the mood? Or more, I am maybe willing to trade tapes.

shemales & crossdressers

Box 31068: German Mulatta, 5'11", 210lb, ft. Baby brown eyes, full lips, dimples, nice pecs, calves and thighs. Like to dress in tight skirt or mini, once in awhile. I think I look sexy when I do it, but I am kind of new to it. I am looking for a cross-dresser, who looks hot, who wears lipstick and makeup, and likes to kiss. French kiss. Let each other, suck on each other, make each other cum.

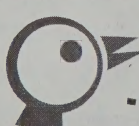
Box 31168: I'm 5'10", 180lb, brown hair and eyes. Looking for submissives. I have the time, place and the toys. Play safe, sane and consensual.

Box 31206: I am a very feminine transvestite, very passable 5'6", 130lb, long curly brown hair and a 6" cut cock. I'm looking for other girls like me or guys who are interested.

Box 31311: James, 5'11", 150lb, slim white male with a 6" cut cock. Looking for some 1 girls to play with and get together.



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